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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 21, 2001, Applicants elect the invention of Group III, i.e., claim 15, drawn to a nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide comprising a gonadotropin releasing hormone (i.e., SEQ ID NO:3). According to the Examiner, if claim 15 is elected for examination, claims 14 and 17-18, which are considered linking claims, would also be examined. See the Restriction Requirement, page 3, first paragraph. This election is made without traverse.

Claims 14-15 and 17-18 depend from non-elected base claims (i.e., claims 1-3, 10, and 13). Thus, please amend these claims preliminarily as follows:

In the claims:

~~14. (Amended) A nucleic acid encoding a polypeptide, wherein the polypeptide comprises (1) a receptor binding domain of a *Pseudomonas* exotoxin A, and (2) at least two copies of a peptide sequence.~~

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